

REMARKS

This reissue application has been filed within two years of the issue date of U.S. Patent No. 6,281,628. Original patent claims 1-8 have been retained and new claims 9-84 have been added which are broader and/or different in scope than the claims in the original patent. No new matter has been added. The status of each claim in the application has been provided in the Claims section preceding these remarks, and an explanation of support in the disclosure for each of the new claims as required under 37 CFR § 1.173(c) is provided below.

Support for the newly added independent claims may be found in columns 5 and 6 of the specification with reference to Figs. 7 through 11. For example, the recitation of row electrodes and column electrodes on different substrates is supported at column 5, lines 3-20 and Fig. 9. The recitation of protruding parts of the row electrodes positioned so that adjacent discharging areas in the column direction are in non-alignment is supported, for example, at column 6, lines 23-26 and Figs. 7, 10, and 11. The recitation that at least two cells adjacent in the column direction use a same row electrode to emit light is supported, for example, at column 5, lines 21-25 and Figs. 7 and 11. And, the recitations of generating a wall charge in a first cell having first and second row electrodes, generating a wall charge in a second cell having the second row electrode and a third row electrode, and applying alternating voltages to the second row electrode to control sustain discharges in the first and second cells are supported, for example, at column 5, lines 31-48, column 5, line 60 - column 6, line 8 , and Figs. 8 and 9.

Applicants respectfully submit that the reissue application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with this application, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 16-0607 and credit any excess fees to the same Deposit Account.

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